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SUBJECT ; BRITISH CONSIDERING ESTALISHING ANGLO-SOVIET
COMMERCIAL OFFICE IN MOSCOW

1. BRITISH COMMERCIAL COUNSELFOR HUTSON CALLED ON E/C
COUNSELOR JULY 12 TO INQUIRE ABOUT RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN
EMBASSY/USCO AND US-USSR TRADE AND ECONOMIC COUNCIL OFFICE
IN MOSCOW. COMATT ALSO PARTICIPATED IN CONVERSTAION.

2. HUTSON SAID BRITISH ARE CONSIDERING OPENING MOSCOW
OFFICE FOR UK-SOVIET COMMERCIAL COMMISSION. INPETUS
BEHIND THIS CAME FROM SOVIET SIDE, WHICH APPARENTLY IN ITSELF
IS GIVNING BRITISH SOME PAUSE IN CONSIDERING WHAT
MIGHT BE SOVIET MOTIVATIONS. IN ANY CASE, OPERATION WOULD
BE ON SMALL SCALE, ACCORDING TO HUTSON, WITH PROBABLY
ONLY ONE SOVIET EMPLOYEE AND NO BRITISH AT OUTSET.
ALTERNATIVE WOULD BE TO HAVE AN ADDITIONAL EMPLOYEE IN
BRITISH COMMERCIAL OFFICE. SPACE IS APPARENTLY AVAILABLE
FOR THE OPENING OF SUCH AN OFFICE.

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3. ACCORDING TO HUTSON, BRITISH COMPANIES ENCOUNTER
SUBSTANTIAL PROBLEMS INOBTAINING SOVIET VISAS WHEN THEY
ARE NOT WELL KNOWN BY SOVIT ORGANIZATIONS. THEIR ABILITY
TO PUT ON EXHIBITIONS IS LIMITED BY THIS FACTOR. SINCE
PUTATIVE ANGLO-SOVIET COMMERCIAL OFFICE COULD SUPPORT VISA
REQUEST FROM SUCH BRITISH COMPNIES, HUTSON THOUGH NEW

OFFICE MIGHT SERVE USEFUL PURPOSE. HE COMMENTED FURTHER THAT BRITISH HAVE NO SUCH ATTRACTIVE EXHIBITION SPACE AS OFFERED BY USCO.

4. WE DID NOT TRY TO INFLUENCE BRITISH DECISION. WE POINTED OUT POTENTIAL PITFALLS IF UNHEALTHY COMPETITION SHOULD DEVELOP BETWEEN EMBASSY AND BRITISH BUSINESS OFFICE, NOTING THAT THIS DOES NOT OCCUR IN PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES FOR US, WHERE COOPERATION BETWEEN EMBASSY/USCO AND US/USSR TRADE AND ECONOMIC COUNCIL IS GOOD. WE ALSO ALLUDED TO PROBLEM THAT SOVIETS MIGHT TRY TO DIRECT POLICY ISSUES TO NON-GOVERNMENTAL BODY WHERE THEIR VIEWS MIGHT FIND BETTER RECEPTION, BUT IT WAS AGREED THAT A TRADE OFFICE ALONG THE MODEST LINES DESCRIBED BY HUTSON PRESENTED NO SUCH RISK.

5. HUTSON IS ALSO SOLICITING VIEWS OF OTHER WESTERN EMBASSIES.
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